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## **Study Skills**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Study Skills course is to give each learner the tools necessary to be successful in all courses in middle school, high school, college, and beyond. It is emphasized that each learner can develop the ability to solve problems and the ability to create. These abilities distinguish intelligence. I firmly believe EVERY learner is intelligent.

### **Expectations:**

It is each learner's duty to be a professional student. This verse describes many characteristics of a professional student:

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self control, perseverance, and to perseverance, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8

These qualities can be added to the idea that the teen years are not a goof-off time, not a vacation from responsibilities, but rather a crucial boot camp during which the Lord prepares future leaders. Rather than lowering expectations, I raise the bar.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

Parents are encouraged to add me to your IM buddy list so we can be in constant contact, often during class itself. If you prefer, please email your IM buddy name & your type of IM (MSN, AIM, Yahoo, Google Talk) to [mrsdurff@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdurff@gmail.com).

There will be at least one marking period project during each of the four marking periods. Little to zero work is to be completed at home, freeing up homework time for other coursework. I allow lots of classtime for project completion.

Occasionally, a learner may wish to work on projects at home. This is okay if parents grant permission and other homework is completed first.

### **Grades:**

Grades are a composite of:

Completed classwork

Marking Period Projects (done during class)

Participation Points (3 possible per week for preparedness & timeliness)

Daily Scribe Post(s) (scheduled posting by one learner per class which may be done during class or study hall)

Classroom decorum befitting a middle school learner who respects the thoughts, words, and actions of others more highly than themselves.

Extra Credit occasionally

### **Access:**

Accessing any course materials is not prohibited from home but not required.

Therefore a family's connection is not an impediment to successful completion of the Study Skills course.



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**Parents:**

Parents are encouraged to monitor their children's work by subscribing to their page via RSS. If you would like more information regarding this possibility please attend the Family Internet Coffee Break (one will be scheduled after Labor Day) or contact me anytime.

**Materials:**

All learners will need headphones/earbuds (earbuds hold up longer), a flash drive, a signed AUP, & a web-based email account. They will obtain a webpage all their own and RSS. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in their learner's education by subscribing to, reading/reviewing, and commenting on learner work. I am available outside of class via IM, Skype, and email.

**Tentative Topic Outline:**

MP1:

Daily Scribe Posts/Calendar/How-to

Time Management

Study Habits

RSS

QARs

APA Format

Textbook Surveys

Peer reviewing of global projects

Netiquette/Online Safety

MP2:

Title Pages

Bare Bones 101: A Basic tutorial on searching the web

Cornell Notes

Copyright/Berne Convention/Plagiarism

Research Paper/Notestar/APA Format

Netiquette/Online Safety

MP3:

1001 Flat World Tales Project (Global)

Bibliographies/APA Format

SQ3R

Biome Wiki Collaborations

Netiquette/Online Safety

MP4:

Bible topic wikis with Jacklin's class in Missouri

Netiquette/Online Safety

Horizon Project Sounding Board

Commercial Podcasts

Backchanneling